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Dear Roger:

Thank you for your letter of 14 May commending [redacted] Chief of Station, Saigon. I agree that [redacted] performance has been excellent and that he and his staff have made a substantial contribution, especially in the [redacted]

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The progress made in Vietnam during the past year is certainly remarkable. On the American side, this has been made possible by having top-caliber people there, both in the civilian and military fields, led by a first-class ambassador in the person of Frederick Nolting. You can be sure that [redacted] is proud to be serving with such a fine group.

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I know that [redacted] will particularly appreciate your letter, coming as it does from a person with your background in the Guerrilla Warfare and Counterinsurgency fields.

I most certainly will place your letter in [redacted] personnel file and send copies of these letters to him.

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Sincerely,

John A. McCone  
Director

*care*  
The Honorable  
Roger Nilsman, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary for  
Far Eastern Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

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14 JUN 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Suggested Reply to The Honorable  
Roger Hilsman's Letter Commending  
the Chief of Station, Saigon

1. We attach a suggested reply to the letter dated 14 May 1963 from the Honorable Roger Hilsman addressed to the Director commending [redacted] Chief of Station, Saigon.

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2. FE Division believes that [redacted] will be particularly pleased to receive a commendation from a person with Mr. Hilsman's extensive experience in Guerrilla Warfare.

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[redacted]  
Chief, Far East Division

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Attachment

cc: DDCI [redacted]

CONCUR:

[redacted]  
Deputy Director (Plans)

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON  
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May 14, 1963

Dear John:

I would like officially to commend your station chief in  
Saigon, [redacted]

As you know, I first visited Saigon just a year ago immediately following a United States decision to support the Vietnamese Government in its struggle against the organized Communist terrorism there. [redacted] took over the station just as this support began to arrive and just as the Vietnamese embarked on the strategic hamlet and Montagnard programs. Just one year later, in January of this year, I visited Saigon again. There was, in the intervening months, an enormous improvement in the situation in which your organization played a very significant role. Much of the credit for the improvement in the situation belongs to [redacted] especially in the [redacted] program and in the vastly improved intelligence that the government forces are now receiving about Viet Cong activities.

I would be grateful if a copy of this letter could be put in [redacted] personnel file.

Sincerely,

*Roy*  
Roger Hilsman

The Honorable  
John A. McCone,  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency,  
Washington 25, D. C.

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<p>Attached is a memorandum for your signature. This memo is a concurrence in the State Dept. proposal to transmit to the President a U.S. contingency plan contemplating the possibility of the Soviets placing nuclear weapons in space. (Action under NSAM 192)</p> <p>The substance of the paper and the course of action to which you will be agreeing can be found beginning with para. 2 on page 4 of basic memo and concluding with the recommendation on page 5.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Herbert Scoville, Jr. DD/R</p>			
FROM			
NAME AND ADDRESS		PHONE NO.	
DD/R			
		DATE	

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. McCone

Dr. Scoville states: "I personally feel that the paper as written expresses just the reservations that DCI has about the feasibility of these systems."

He will be happy to come back up and discuss further if you so desire.

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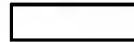
DCI:

I am totally unexcited —

This paper does not even  
address itself to the  
key questions:

1. Who pulls the trigger
2. To what purpose
3. At what time
4. On what targets —

All of which must be answered  
for ICBMs as well as satellites —  
Against neither of which any of us has a defense



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<b>Remarks:</b> <p>1 to 3. Please have FE division prepare a reply.</p> <p>3 to 4</p> <p>Please see Mr. [Redacted] note above.</p>															
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